

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Sheehan entered the meeting after the roll was called. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the January 3, 2006 meeting were presented for approval. Fields made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- He attended the annual Booker T. Washington celebration at Mt. Zion Church in Connersville on Sunday afternoon. Reverend Roy Stewart, from Rushville, was the featured speaker. In addition to this there will also be a celebration of Black History Month on February 4th at 3:00 p.m. at the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Rushville.
- Received a thank you from the Rush County Community Foundation for the city's donation for 2005.
- On Wednesday and Thursday the Mayor will be attending the IACT Legislative Conference in Indianapolis. Several things will be discussed such as Hometown Matters, property taxes, efficiency and local options, telecommunications reform, and Major Moves, the future of Indiana's transportation system.
- On Friday the Mayor will be attending a strategic skills initiative retreat in New Castle. The discussion will center on solutions and prioritize the betterment of the workforce in eastern Indiana.
- The Board of Works approved a drug testing policy for the police department contingent upon review and approval by the city attorney.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORTS * * *

Pavey asked each Council member to meet with him to discuss their consensus on the buffer zone or compatible usage.

A list of items have been presented to the Chamber regarding free concerts at the amphitheater. He is waiting on a response.

COMMITTEE REPORTS * * *

Fields said the Redevelopment Commission has met and will be presenting a resolution to the County Commissioners regarding the area for the new ethanol plant.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Fudge passed out the annual report for the reserve unit. He also expressed his appreciation to them for all of their time and hard work.

Fire – Received permission from the Board of Works to begin the hiring process.

Street – Bennett passed out a year end report.

CITIZEN CONCERNS * * *

Councilman Byrne expressed some concerns he was receiving regarding the truck route. Bridges asked him to meet with Bennett as well as himself for discussion.

Councilman Fields said he had received a concern regarding the construction inspection occupancy at Wilson Estates. He informed Council that he will handle this through the Area Plan Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Annexation Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the annexation claims in the amount of \$242,289.34. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Inspector for Water Project – Jeff Peters asked Council to consider William J. Strattman for the inspector's position for the water portion of the annexation

project. Byrne made a motion to approve Strattman. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Job Descriptions – Fudge said he would like to move forward with getting the job descriptions in place as soon as possible. He will meet with Councilman Fields to discuss the matter.

Police Car Bids – Fudge asked permission to begin the bid process for purchase of police cars. Sheehan moved to allow Fudge to begin the bid process. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution 2006-1, Rainy Day Fund Transfer – Sheehan made a motion to approve the transfer of monies into the Rainy Day Fund. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Pavey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council, Fields made a motion to adjourn. Sheehan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER